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In re Patent Application of:  
Balasubramanian Gopalan et al.

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For: NOVEL HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS  
USEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
INFLAMMATORY AND ALLERGIC  
DISORDERS: PROCESS FOR THEIR  
PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM

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Examiner: Y. L. Chu

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This second preliminary amendment supplements the Preliminary Amendment filed December 18, 2006. Before examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

No fee is believed to be due with this submission. If, however, a fee is determined to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge it up to \$5,000.00 to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.